

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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### The Geological Committee

1. The Geological Committee is in charge of explorations of oil fields, mineral deposits, and coal mines, and is under the direct control of the Council of Ministers. The Committee has offices at Calea Victoriei No. 126, Bucharest.
2. At the end of 1951 the Committee, with all its subordinate organizations, employed from 1,000 to 1,100 clerks and workers.
3. Up to May or June of 1951 the Committee directed and supervised all activities connected with oil and mineral exploration. After that date some decentralization took place and new bodies were created. These new units, however, remained under the control of the Committee.
  - a. The general management of the Geological Committee has the same address as the Committee itself.
  - b. ISEM (State Enterprise for Mining Exploration), Bulevardul Nicolae Balcescu No. 26, Bucharest, reports the results of its work to the Geological Committee.
  - c. The prospecting section, formerly a part of ISEM, has the same address as ISEM.
  - d. A section whose name and purpose is not known, is located in Bucharest (where the Bucharest-Ploesti highway begins). This section had existed with the Geological Committee even before the decentralization.
4. [redacted] in 1951 the budget of the Committee, together with its subordinate units, was from 6,000 to 7,000 million lei.

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5. ISEM's activities are restricted to experimental drilling at sites which have been indicated by the prospecting section. If drilling is successful, exploitation of the mine or oil field is transferred to the appropriate Ministry.
6. The following tools and materials are used at drilling sites:
  - a. Derricks, rotary tables, lathes, and square, heavy drilling rods. The USSR is the source of this equipment.
  - b. Electrically and manually operated drills, pneumatic hammers, diesel and electric motors, mechanical pumps, ZIS trucks, manometers, and other precision instruments. The USSR, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary are the sources of this equipment.
  - c. Gas masks
  - d. Special cement for drills, building cement, iron for reinforced concrete, pipes, welding rods, reinforcing and construction timber, steel and brass cables, dynamite, astralite, hexametaphosphate, and trans-gel for stiffening loose strata.
7. ISEM did work on approximately one hundred sites in 1951. Fixed drills were used on 68 sites and portable drills on the remainder. Sites included the following:
  - a. Caransebes Nou (Severin District), probably coal
  - b. Grozesti (Bacau District), salt
  - c. Roesti (Valcea District), probably coal
  - d. Filipesti de Padure (Prahova District), oil or coal
  - e. Valea Fierului (Transylvania), iron
  - f. Padurea Craiului (Transylvania), iron
  - g. Campulung Moldovenesc
  - h. Moinești (Bacau District), oil
  - i. Boldesti (Prahova or Buzau District), oil
8. The following personalities are known:
  - a. Hirsch, head of the Statistical Department of the general management, 25X1
  - b. Macovei, head of the Geological Committee, is a well-known scientist.
  - c. Nemesiu, head of the Drilling Department of ISEM, is 25X1
  - d. Scartan, head of the Statistical Department of ISEM, 25X1

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